

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-001631

Applicant: Kurt Von Besser, Orangeburg, SC.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Viscount Melville polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

PRT-001978

Applicant: Joseph E. Crawley, Ballwin, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: September 15, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Two West Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401, Telephone (912) 238-1234, FAX (912) 944-3678.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss: (1) The ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate Federal agency activities pursuant to Executive Order 12962 for Recreational Fisheries and (2) the status of the strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program. Under Executive Order 12962, the Council is required to monitor and annually report its findings on various Federal agencies' actions and policies for protecting, restoring, and enhancing recreational fishery resources. The Council will hear a report from its Technical Working Group on the annual assessment of agency accomplishments under Executive Order 12962. The Council is also charged by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to recommend a strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program, pursuant to the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. This meeting will be to discuss the final draft of the strategic plan and to approve a final recommendation to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. Public comment will be sought at the conclusion of the agenda.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Cathleen Short,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-08-1320-01; WYW136458]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale; Thundercloud Tract; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Thundercloud Tract, described below, in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 1998. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, Or Melvin Schlagel, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation (Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation has changed its name to Jacobs Ranch Coal Company and is now a subsidiary of Kennecott Energy and Coal Company). The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in southeastern Campbell County approximately 40 miles south-southeast of Gillette, Wyoming, and about 7 miles east of State Highway 59 along state Highway 450, the access road to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 4: Lots 8, 9, 15 thru 18;
 Sec. 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Sec. 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
 Sec. 7: Lots 5 thru 7, 8 (N2), 9 thru 12, 13 (N2 & SE), 19 (NE);
 Sec. 8: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Sec. 9: Lots 3 thru 6, 11 thru 14;
 T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 1: Lots 5 thru 15, 16 (N2), 17 thru 19, SENE;
 Sec. 12, Lots 1, 2 (NE).
 Containing 3545.503 acres, more or less.

The tract is adjacent to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines. It contains surface minable coal reserves in two seams currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. The Wyodak seam averages about 72 feet thick and is the primary recoverable coal seam on the tract. A rider seam separates from the top of the Wyodak in portions of the tract averaging about 10